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# THOR®



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A NEW THOR HAS RISEN.

AFTER THOR ODINSON FOUND HIMSELF NO LONGER WORTHY OF WIELDING MJOLNIR, A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WAS ABLE TO LIFT THE ENCHANTED HAMMER AND BECAME THE NEW GODDESS OF THUNDER.

AND JUST IN TIME, TOO. BECAUSE THE DARK ELF SORCERER MALEKITH HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE FROST GIANTS OF JOTUNHEIM TO LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE ROXXON ENERGY CORPORATION IN SEARCH OF THE SKULL OF THE LAST GREAT KING OF JOTUNHEIM, LAUFAY.

DARIO AGGER, CEO OF ROXXON, WAS HIDING MORE THAN ANCIENT ARTIFACTS AND SHADY BUSINESS DEALS—HE ALSO COULD TRANSFORM INTO A HALF-MAN, HALF-BULL BEAST—THE MONSTROUS MINOTAUR OF LEGEND.

SO A DARK ELF, A MINOTAUR, AND THE NEW THOR WALK INTO A BAR. EXCEPT INSTEAD OF A BAR, IT'S A SECRET VAULT CONTAINING THE SKULL OF A GIANT KING THAT HAS THE POWER TO PLUNGE THE TEN REALMS INTO WAR. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

WELL, PLENTY. CHIEFLY: THE DISGRACED THOR ODINSON SHOWED UP TOO. AND HE REALLY WANTS THAT HAMMER BACK.



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## HOURS AGO. ASCARDIA. CITY OF THE GODS.

I IN MY TIME, I HAVE KNOWN WAR AND HEL AND RAGNAROK.

I HAVE BLED ENOUGH TO FILL OCEANS.

I HAVE DIED.

FOR MORE YEARS THAN THERE ARE STARS, I HAVE WALKED THESE MANY REALMS, FACING HORRORS THAT COULD DRIVE EVEN A GOD TO UTTER MADNESS. BUT THIS...

WHERE IS IT?!

THIS MAY BE THE WORST WEEK OF MY LIFE.

WHERE THE HELL IS MY ARM?!?

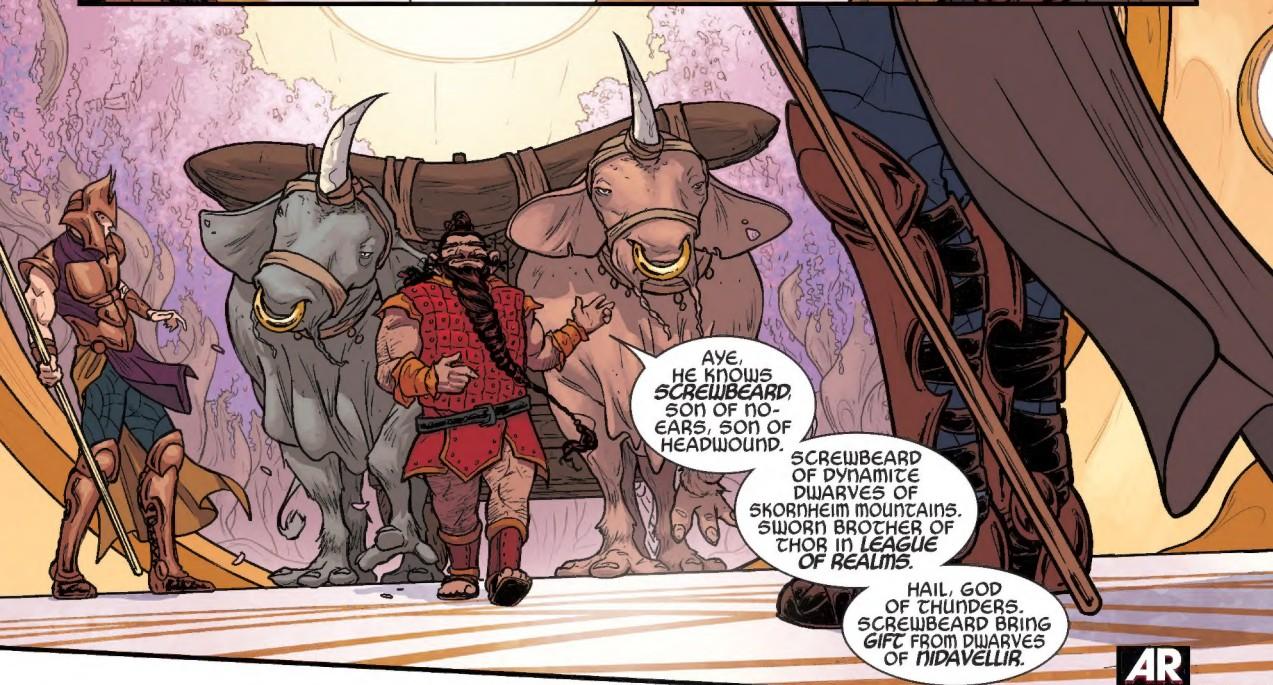
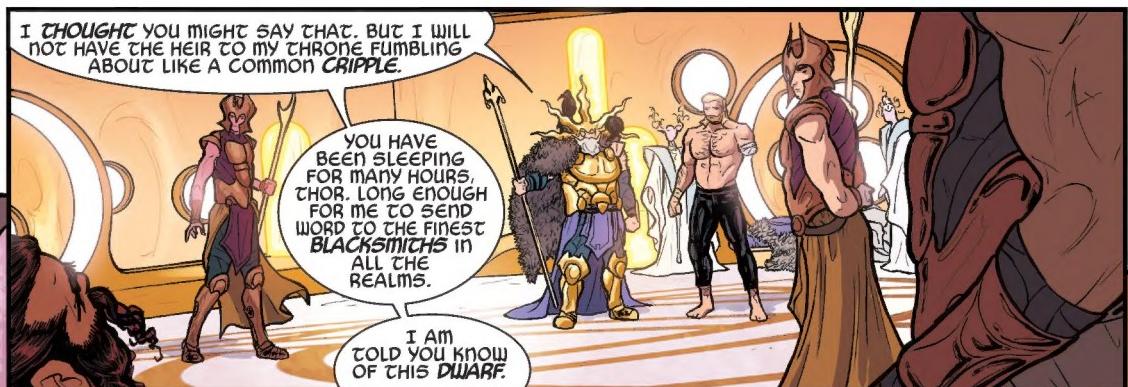
IN THE BELLY OF A WHALE MOST LIKE. AFTER YOUR FOOLISH LITTLE STUNT, YOU ARE LUCKY THERE IS ANYTHING LEFT OF YOU, BOY.

IF YOUR GOAT HADN'T DRAGGED YOU BACK HERE TO ASCARDIA, YOU'D STILL BE ROTTING ON THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA IN MİDGARD.

MİDGARD...

MALEKITH AND THE FROST GIANTS...

FATHER, HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE EARTH?!







NOW.  
ROXXON ISLAND.

YOU HEARD  
ME, WOMAN.  
WHOEVER  
YOU ARE.



THAT HAMMER DOES  
NOT BELONG  
TO THEE.

THOR...?  
OH MY GOD,  
HIS ARM...

I UNDERSTAND  
YOUR CONCERN,  
SON OF ODIN, BUT  
THIS...IS NOT THE  
TIME FOR SUCH  
A DISCUSSION.

THERE IS  
NO DISCUSSION  
TO BE HAD. PUT  
DOWN THE HAMMER,  
CHIEF. AND THEN  
TELL ME...

WHAT HAVE  
YOU DONE WITH  
MY MOTHER?

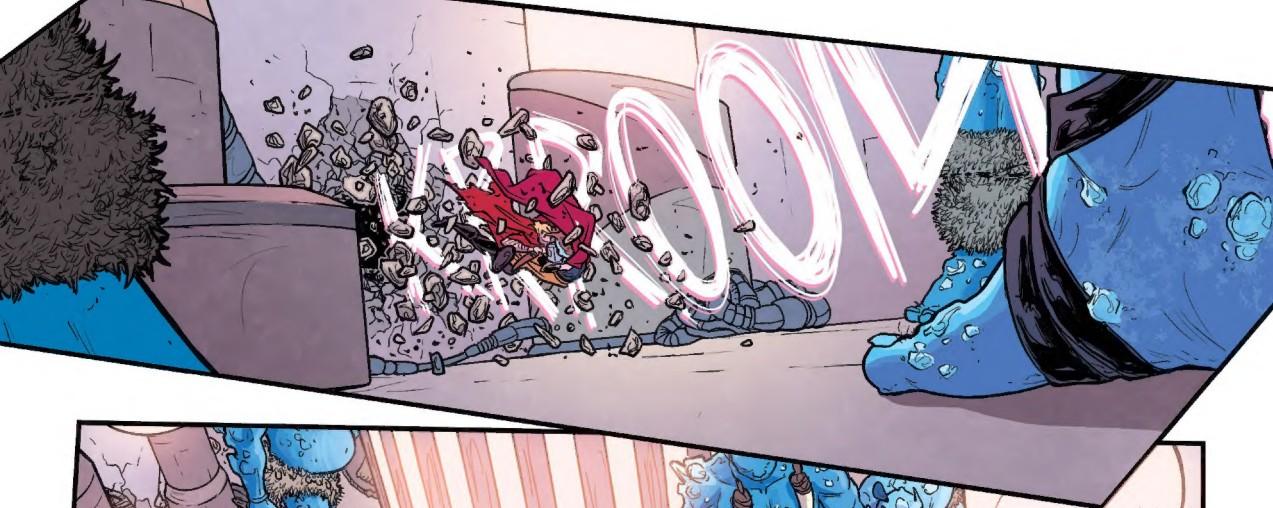
YOUR  
MOTHER?

AHEM.

THIS SEEMS  
LIKE A RATHER  
PERSONAL MATTER,  
BEST SETTLED BETWEEN  
PEOPLE OF THUNDER.  
PERHAPS THE MINOTAUR  
AND I SHOULD WAIT  
OUTSIDE.

IT'S MY  
ISLAND. PERHAPS  
YOU SHOULD ALL  
GO TO HELL.







YOU HAVE LOST YOUR AXE, PRINCE OF ASGARD! YOU ARE UNARMED! ASK FOR QUARTER AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN!

DO I SEEM UNARMED TO YOU, GIRL? TO HEL WITH YOUR QUARTER! AND WITH YOU!

ANGRY LITTLE WORMS, AREN'T THEY? IF WE STAY OUT OF THE WAY, MAYBE THEY'LL KILL EACH OTHER.

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING THESE GIANTS, NOT ONE ANOTHER. BUT ONCE AGAIN YOU ARE LETTING YOUR RAGE GET THE BEST OF YOU, THOR.

YOU KNOW NOTHING OF ME, WOMAN!

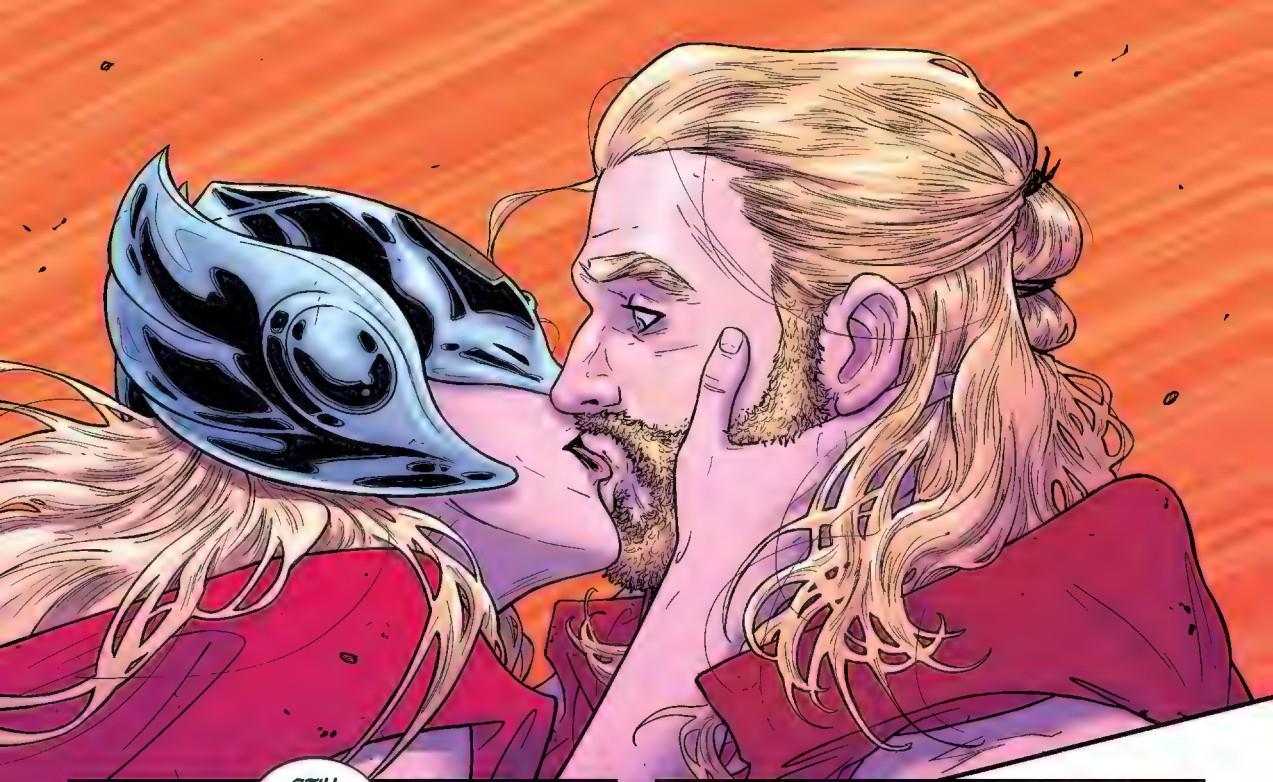
ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THAT?

UNHAND MY HAMMER!









THE HAMMER SINGS  
ITS SONG OF  
THUNDER.

A SONG I HAVE  
HEARD COUNTLESS  
TIMES BEFORE.

BUT NEVER  
QUITE LIKE  
THIS.

ASGARDIAN. AVENGER.  
PRINCE OF THE REALM  
ETERNAL.

I AM THOR  
ODINSON.

I AM DESTINED TO LIVE  
UNTIL THE END OF TIME  
TO WEAR A CROWN AND  
SIT ON A THRONE.

OR SO THE STORIES  
WOULD HAVE ME  
BELIEVE.

BUT WITH EVERY  
GIANT THAT FALLS  
THIS DAY...

WITH EVERY RUMBLE  
OF THUNDER...

WITH EVERY ROARING  
NOTE OF THE  
HAMMER'S SONG...

I DIE.

I DIE A LITTLE  
MORE INSIDE.

AND THE MORE  
I DIE...

THE HARDER I  
SWING THE AXE.

WELL THEN,  
THORS, I WILL  
BE THE FIRST  
TO ADMIT...

THIS WAS  
NOT ONE  
OF MY MORE  
SUCCESSFUL  
ENDEAVORS.

BUT DO NOT THINK FOR ONE  
SECOND, DEAR LADY, THAT  
THIS ENDED WHEN YOU  
SMASHED THE SKULL  
OF LAUFHEY.

THE  
SKULL OF  
LAUFHEY?

AND TELL  
ME, MALEKITH,  
WHAT IS TO STOP  
ME FROM ENDING  
YOU RIGHT HERE  
AND NOW?

I WILL LEAVE  
YOU TO ANSWER  
THAT FOR  
YOURSELF.

THE DULY  
ELECTED KING  
OF SVARCAFHEIM  
BIDS YOU GOOD  
DAY!

LIKE  
HEL HE  
DOES.

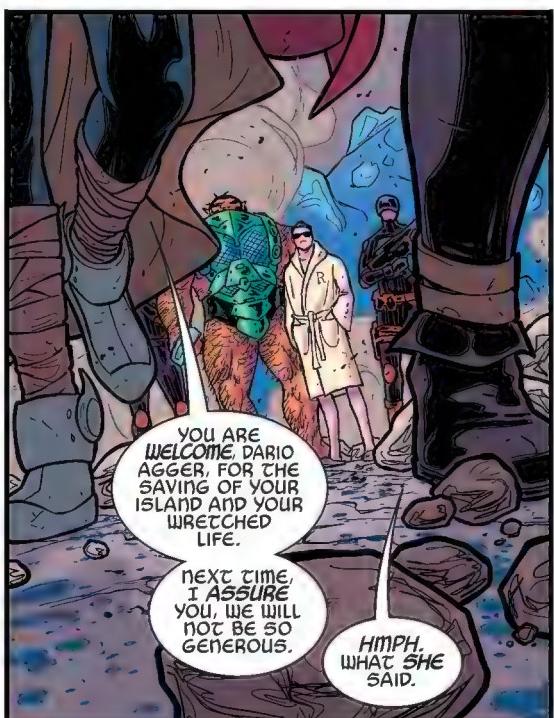
YOU INVADED  
MIDGARD.

AH, TECHNICALLY,  
THE FROST GIANTS  
DID THAT. I WAS  
NEVER HERE.

THIS WAS  
YOUR PLAN.  
YOU ARE THE ONE  
SCHEMING TO  
START A WAR.

IT WILL  
BE YOU WHO STARTS  
ONE, ASGARDIAN, IF YOU LAY SO  
MUCH AS A HAND ON ME. AND IT WOULD  
APPEAR A HAND IS ALL YOU HAVE LEFT.

I WILL  
HAVE THAT  
ARM, ELF, AND  
YOUR HEAD.



SO ENDED THE INVASION OF THE FROST GIANTS.

MAGES CAME DOWN FROM ASGARD TO RELEASE THOSE FROZEN IN ICE.

GODS AND AVENGERS, WARRIOR'S AND HEROES, FRIENDS...

AND MOTHERS.

LADY FREYJA... YOU WERE FROZEN ALL THIS TIME, MOTHER. WHAT WERE YOU DOING HERE?

WHAT YOUR FATHER HAD NOT THE SENSE OR COURAGE TO DO HIMSELF.

WE MADE A PROMISE TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF MIDGARD, AND I WOULD NOT SEE THAT PROMISE BROKEN.

YOU LED THE WARRIORS OF ASGARD AGAINST THE GIANTS? TO PROTECT MIDGARD? ALL AGAINST FATHER'S WISHES?

MOTHER... I DID NOT THINK I COULD POSSIBLY LOVE YOU MORE. I WAS WRONG.

YOUR ARM... OH MY SON, WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

THERE HAVE BEEN GREAT LOSSES THIS DAY, MOTHER. BUT ALSO...  
A MOST UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL





LATER.

PLEASE  
EXCUSE THE  
MESS.

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MY LAST  
MEETING GOT  
A BIT...OUT OF  
HAND. I ASSURE  
YOU, THAT WILL  
NEVER HAPPEN  
AGAIN.

I FIND  
COURTESY IS  
SUCH A LOST ART  
THESE DAYS, DON'T  
YOU? MORE'S THE PITY, I  
SUPPOSE. NOW PLEASE,  
IF YOU DON'T MIND,  
MY GOOD MAN...

WHERE IN  
THE BLOODY  
HELL IS IT?

DID YOU REALLY  
THINK I WOULD LET  
SOME FOOL WITH A  
HAMMER SMASH ONE OF  
MY TOYS? THAT WAS THE  
DECoy SKULL. THE ONE  
THE GIANTS WERE  
MEANT TO STEAL.

THIS IS  
THE GENUINE  
ARTICLE. THE SKULL  
OF THE FROST  
GIANT KING.

AS FOR THE  
PRICE, WHAT SAY  
WE START THE  
BARGAINING WITH...  
EVERYTHING I  
COULD EVER  
POSSIBLY  
WANT.

AND  
WHAT EXACTLY  
IS IT THAT YOU  
WANT, MR.  
AGGER?

REALMS.  
I WANT  
REALMS.

AH, WELL  
THEN...

PERHAPS  
YOU AND I CAN  
DO BUSINESS  
AFTER ALL...





# AND LO, THERE CAME THE... HAMMER GRAMS

SEND LETTERS TO MHEROES@MARVEL.COM.  
DON'T FORGET TO MARK "OKAY TO PRINT!"

SO NOW YOU KNOW WHY SHE'S CALLED THOR. YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT, TAKE IT UP WITH THE ODINSON. BUT BE WARNED, HE'S A BIT SURLY THESE DAYS. MEANWHILE, MESSENGER RAVENS ARE STILL POURING INTO THE ROOKERY AT MARVEL COMICS TOWER, LOADED WITH LETTERS FROM THOR FANS NEW AND OLD ALL OVER THE WORLD. LET'S HEAR FROM A FEW, SHALL WE?

MR. AARON,

FIRST, I APPLAUD YOU AND YOUR TEAM! I HAVE READ COMICS OFF AND ON MY WHOLE LIFE BUT RECENTLY DECIDED TO FIND A LOCAL SHOP AND SEE IF THERE WERE ANY STORYLINES I CARED TO FOLLOW. THE GUYS AT THE SHOP WERE TALKING ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY OVER A FEMALE THOR, SO I DECIDED I SHOULD READ #1 AND FORM AN OPINION CONCERNING THE NEW GODDESS ON THE BLOCK. NOW, TRUTH BE TOLD I'VE ONLY READ A COUPLE OF THOR COMICS AND THOSE WERE OLD SCHOOL ONES MY MOM HAD FROM HER CHILDHOOD. I'VE NEVER BEEN HOOKED ON THOR, BUT I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS A LIKABLE ENOUGH GUY. AFTER READING ISSUE #1 I THOUGHT, I IMMEDIATELY WANTED MORE OF THIS COMIC AND COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE THE STORY UNFOLD! I HAVE READ THE FIRST THREE ISSUES NOW AND MY EXCITEMENT JUST GROWS WITH EACH NEW ISSUE. THE BEAUTIFULLY STRONG AND BRAVE NEW GODDESS HAS ME HOOKED! THE ARTWORK HAS BEEN STUNNING, THE STORY IS FANTASTIC AND YOU ALL HAVE EARNED A NEW MEMBER TO THE THOR FOLLOWING.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SERIES TO ENJOY AND SHARE!

YOUR NEW FAN,  
Tiffany Barr

WELCOME ABOARD, TIFFANY. THANKS FOR JOINING US.

DEAR THOR CREATIVE TEAM,

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO, SINCE YOU STARTED BACK WITH "THE GOD BUTCHER," TAKE THOR IN NEW AND EXCITING DIRECTIONS WITH EACH STORY ARC. THE ART OF COURSE HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF STUNNING THROUGHOUT, AND THE MORE I READ THE FARTHER DOWN THE THOR RABBIT HOLE I SEEM TO FALL DOWN. (HOW MANY VERSIONS OF MJOLNIR CAN ONE OWN BEFORE IT IS TOO MANY?)

I'M ECSTATIC THAT A WOMAN IS WIELDING MJOLNIR NOW. I AM SO, SO DELIGHTED. DELIGHTED FOR THE REPRESENTATION, FOR THE SIMPLE CHANGE OF PACE, FOR THE INTRIGUE, THE FUN, THE WONDERMENT. IT'S GREAT PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE IS A DEARTH OF WELL-WRITTEN, WELL-ROUNDED FEMALE LEAD BOOKS. I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF FAN THEORIES ON WHO "SHE" MIGHT BE. PERSONALLY, I'M ROOTING PRETTY HARDCORE FOR THE LOVELY AND ADORABLE DR. ANNABELLE RIGGS MYSELF. I COULD SEE IT, AND MAYBE A BIG PART OF THAT IS THAT I LOVE ANNABELLE AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE HER BACK IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IN GENERAL. SHE'S A COMPETENT SCIENTIST AND ARCHAEOLOGIST - WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE? I DON'T HAVE TO CONVINCE YOU, OF COURSE. I HAVE UTMOST FAITH IN THE WORK OF THE CREATIVE TEAM AND I KNOW THAT I'LL LOVE THE BOOK WHATEVER DIRECTION IT TAKES AS I HAVE SINCE THE BEGINNING.

ANYWAY, I DON'T EVER REALLY WRITE IN TO COMICS, BUT SINCE THIS TITLE CAME OUT I'VE BEEN TOUTING IT LEFT, RIGHT, AND CENTER TO ANY AND ALL THAT COME INTO THE COMIC STORE I WORK IN WHENEVER I CAN. SO THANK YOU FOR CREATING A COMIC FULL OF CHARACTERS I LOVE THAT I CAN

SHARE WITH ALL OF MY FRIENDS! YOU HAVE GOT ME HOOKED AS A READER FOR AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT A BOOK.

BECKY MCKERCHER

THANKS, BECKY. YES, THERE ARE CERTAINLY A LOT OF THEORIES OUT THERE ABOUT WHO MIGHT BE UNDERNEATH THOR'S MASK. THE ODINSON HAS A FEW THEORIES OF HIS OWN. AND NEXT ISSUE, HE STARTS MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE.

LONG-TIME (35 YEARS AND COUNTING) MARVEL COMICS READER AND FIRST TIME WRITER. ENJOYING THE FIRST TWO ISSUES OF THOR AS MUCH AS I HAVE ANY TITLE SINCE I DO NOT KNOW WHEN. TELL A STORY WITH STRONG CHARACTERS, GRIPPING SITUATIONS AND FANTASTIC SETTINGS AND GREAT ART (THOR HAS BEEN ON A ROLL IN THIS DEPARTMENT) AND THE BOOK WILL SELL.

IT IS THE ART THAT BRINGS ME TO WRITE. AS A POWERLIFTER AND AVID SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HEAVY ATHLETE I AM A BIT DISAPPOINTED WITH THE VISUAL OF THOR. IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO THROW STONES, WEIGHTS, AND TREES WITH SOME FINE WOMEN. THESE LADIES ARE STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL AND NOT A ONE WEARS A SIZE ONE (OR HOWEVER THEY SIZE THEIR CLOTHES). KRISTY GALLO (RESKE), THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE RAW BENCH RECORD IS TALL, SOLID, AND PRETTY AS ALL GET OUT. SHE COULD THROW MJOLNIR A MILE AND HAS THE LEGS TO PROVE IT. VIKING WOMEN ARE STOUT OF HEART AND LIMB.

GIVE THIS WOMAN A SANDWICH (OR TWO)!

SINCERELY,  
JASON CHERRY

ONCE THOR HAS DEFEATED ALL THE FROST GIANTS, SHE WILL ALSO EAT ALL OF THEIR SANDWICHES. STAY TUNED.

DEAR MR. AARON,

I WANTED TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR CREATING THIS NEW FEMALE THOR AND BEING THE GUY WHO ACTUALLY GOT ME TO READ THOR. WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS ABOUT HER AND SAW HOW COOL SHE LOOKS I KNEW I HAD TO CHECK THIS OUT AND I'M REALLY GLAD I DID. SINCE READING THE NEW #1, I HAVE BOUGHT YOUR ENTIRE GOD OF THUNDER RUN AND AFTER DAYS OF NARROWING DOWN THE SUSPECT LIST I THINK I KNOW WHO SHE IS. I WON'T SAY IT BUT ON A COMPLETELY "UNRELATED" NOTE, WILL WE BE SEEING ANY MORE OF AGENT ROZ SOLOMON? ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR MAKING THOR COOL FOR ME AND I HOPE THIS NEW ONE STICKS AROUND FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

LIAM CONNOLLY

YES, LIAM, WE DEFINITELY WILL BE SEEING MORE OF S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT ROZ SOLOMON, ALONG WITH A LOT OF THE OTHER LADIES WHO'VE BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. AND SPEAKING OF GUEST STARS, DON'T MISS OUR NEXT ISSUE, WHICH FEATURES NOT ONLY THE RETURN OF LONG-TIME THOR NEMESIS THE ABSORBING MAN AND TITANIA, BUT A COUPLE OF FAR MORE UNEXPECTED RETURNS AS WELL. LET'S JUST SAY THINGS WON'T BE GETTING ANY EASIER FOR THE ALL-NEW THOR IN 2015. BUT THAT'S OKAY WITH HER BECAUSE SHE'S KINDA GETTING THE HANG OF THIS WHOLE "HITTING BAD GUYS WITH A HAMMER UNTIL THEY FALL DOWN" BIT.

JASON AARON  
KC, DECEMBER 2014

AND HEY, SPEAKING OF FEBRUARY'S #5, IT'S GONNA FEATURE ART BY THE AMAZING JORGE MOLINA, BUT HAVE NO FEAR, RUSSELL "RAGNAROK" DAUTERMAN RETURNS WITH THOR #6 IN MARCH!

AND ALSO IN FEBRUARY, PICK UP THOR ANNUAL #1, FEATURING A KING THOR STORY BY JASON AND THE LEGENDARY TIMOTHY TRUMAN, A YOUNG THOR STORY BY WRESTLING SUPERSTAR CM PUNK AND CHEW'S ROB GUILLORY, AND A STORY ABOUT THE NEW THOR BY LUMBERJANES' NOELLE STEVENSON AND THE SPECTACULAR MARGUERITE SAUVAGE!

WIL MOSS  
NYC, SLIGHTLY FURTHER INTO DECEMBER 2014 THAN JASON

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